

Labour Force Statistics ♦ April 2008

(All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Unemployment rate unchanged at 4.3%

British Columbia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.3% in April as employment growth of 0.3% was offset by a similar increase in the labour force (the number of people either working or looking for work). Labour market conditions in the province remain robust. The province's unemployment rate is close to an historic low, and while some regions have not fared as well as others, jobless rates in most parts of BC have also been declining.

BC's unemployment rate has stopped falling, but is still among the lowest in the country

retail & wholesale trade inched down (-0.2%) in April.

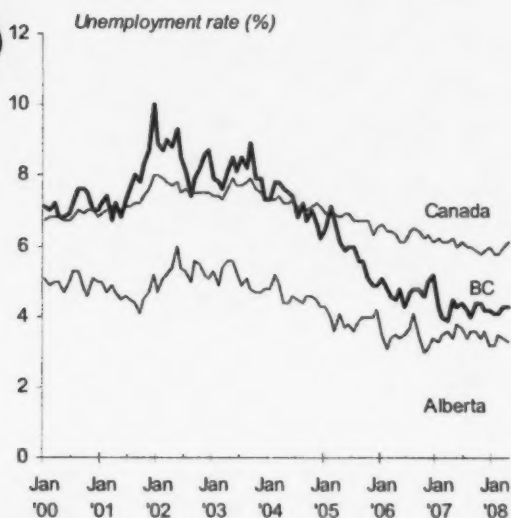
In the goods sector, employment fell 2.6% as gains made in March were more or less wiped out. Forestry, fishing & mining industries took on more workers (+4.7%) and the number of jobs in construction fell a relatively modest 0.8%, but there were substantial job losses in other industries. Employment shrank 4.5% in manufacturing and there were 7.8% fewer jobs in agriculture. The utilities industry, which shows considerable volatility from month to month, was down 15.9%, after posting a 9.0% increase in March. Utilities is a small industry and this volatility may reflect characteristics of the survey sample rather than actual changes in the number of jobs.

Perhaps reflecting the weakness in the goods sector, where men outnumber women in the workforce, the number of employed men was unchanged from March, while 0.6% more women had jobs. Full-time employment advanced (+0.9%) but there were fewer people working part-time (-2.0%). In the public sector, employment expanded 2.0%, as job growth in the public administration and education industries offset losses in the health care industry. There were fewer private sector jobs (-0.6%), but the number of self-employed British Columbians was up 1.7%.

The youth (aged 15-24) unemployment rate remained low, at 7.7%, but was still more than double the jobless rate (3.7%) for more seasoned workers (25 and older).

The Regions

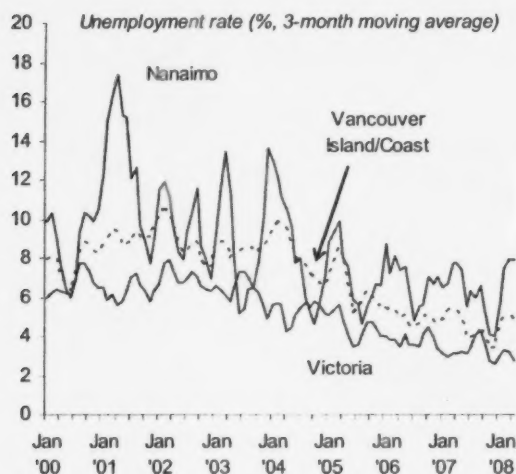
Labour market conditions in Vancouver Island/Coast remained polarized, as residents of Victoria continued to see very little unemployment (2.8%, 3-month moving average, unadjusted) while job-seekers in the rest of the region faced more challenging conditions. Nanaimo's¹ unemployment



Employment increased for the second month in a row in April, bolstered by continued job growth (+1.1%) in the service sector, where most industries were taking on more workers. Accommodation & food services (+3.3%) and public administration (+2.1%) continued to expand, and job gains in education (+4.7%) and finance, insurance & real estate (+6.0%) helped offset the effect of cutbacks in the previous month. However, the number of jobs in

ment rate was 7.9%, nearly three times the jobless rate in Victoria and well above the regional average (4.6%).

Victoria's jobless rate continued to fall but rates were up in the rest of the region

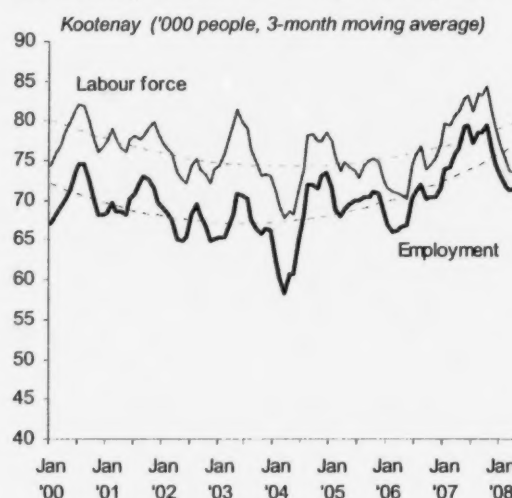


The unemployment rate in Kamloops (8.3%) was also considerably higher than the average for Thompson/Okanagan (5.6%). Kelowna's rate (5.1%) was very similar to the regional average, while residents of Vernon (3.7%) had an easier time finding work. Labour market conditions within the other regions were more uniform, as jobless rates in the major centres were generally in line with those in rural areas.

Kootenay's jobless rate fell to 2.5%, as both the labour force and employment in the region contracted. Although most of the job growth that occurred during the last two years has been eroded, over the longer term, the number of jobs in

the region remains on an upward path. Unemployment rates in other regions ranged from 3.9% in Mainland/Southwest to 7.9% in North Coast/Nechako.

Over the longer term, employment in Kootenay is still on an upward path



The Nation

Canada's unemployment rate edged up to 6.1% in April as employment (+0.1%) and the labour force (+0.1%) expanded in tandem. All four western provinces continued to post the lowest unemployment rates in the country, with Alberta (3.3%) and Manitoba (3.8%) coming in at less than four percent while BC and Saskatchewan were both at 4.3%. Rates in the rest of the country ranged from 6.3% in Ontario to 13.2% in Newfoundland, where the unemployment rate remains well into the double digits despite extremely strong economic growth in recent years.

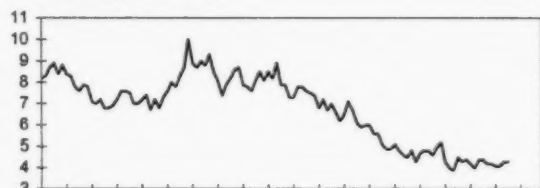
Selected Statistics	Apr-08	Mar-08	Apr-07
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.3	4.5
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.0	6.2
BC Employment ('000)	2,324	2,318	2,247
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	67	66.9	66.2
Apr % change in employment relative to:	-	0.3	3.4
Apr % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.3	3.2

¹ Unemployment rates for Northeast, as well as some cities, are BC Stats estimates, calculated using data supplied by Statistics Canada.

1 Summary for April 2008--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

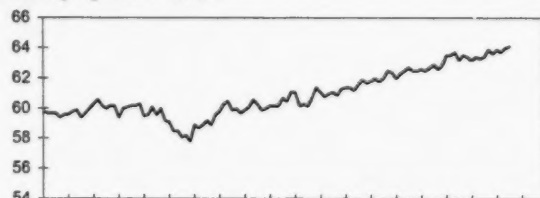
	Current April 2008		Previous Month March 2008		One Year Ago April 2007		Change from March 2008		Change from April 2007	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3,626.9		3,619.9		3,557.1		0.2%		2.0%	
Labour Force ('000)	2,413.2	2,429.4	2,407.4	2,422.2	2,333.3	2,353.6	0.2%	0.3%	3.4%	3.2%
Employment ('000)	2,304.5	2,324.3	2,305.3	2,317.9	2,225.9	2,247.1	0.0%	0.3%	3.5%	3.4%
Unemployment ('000)	108.7	105.1	102.1	104.4	107.4	106.5	6.5%	0.7%	1.2%	-1.3%
Employment Rate ¹	63.5%	64.1%	63.7%	64.0%	62.6%	63.2%				
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%				
Participation Rate	66.5%	67.0%	66.5%	66.9%	65.6%	66.2%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,839.2		26,803.4		26,475.9		0.1%		1.4%	
Labour Force ('000)	18,050.9	18,239.8	18,000.4	18,216.0	17,699.4	17,889.7	0.3%	0.1%	2.0%	2.0%
Employment ('000)	16,915.5	17,136.0	16,845.2	17,116.8	16,575.7	16,788.2	0.4%	0.1%	2.0%	2.1%
Unemployment ('000)	1,135.4	1,103.8	1,155.2	1,099.2	1,123.7	1,101.5	-1.7%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%
Employment Rate ¹	63.0%	63.8%	62.8%	63.9%	62.6%	63.4%				
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.1%	6.4%	6.0%	6.3%	6.2%				
Participation Rate	67.3%	68.0%	67.2%	68.0%	66.9%	67.6%				

BC Unemployment Rate*:



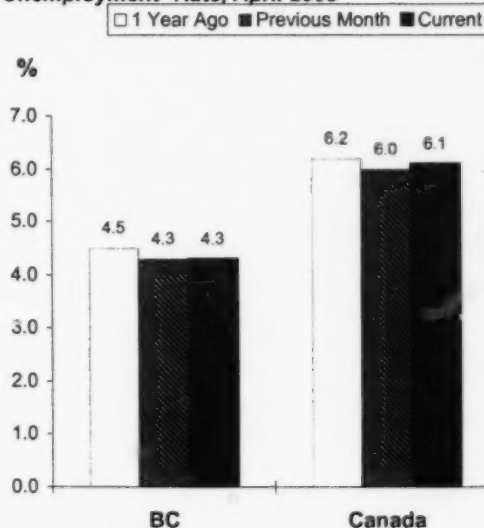
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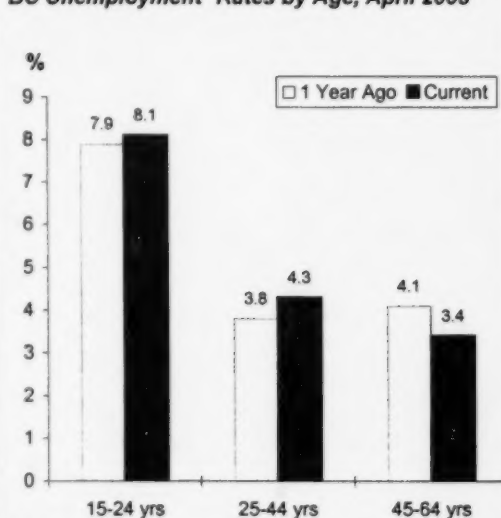
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Unemployment* Rate, April 2008



* Seasonally Adjusted

BC Unemployment* Rates by Age, April 2008



* Actual

¹ Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual						% Change in Employment, Annual Avg						Unemployment Rate, Annual Average					
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate									
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)		(%)									
1998	2,038.3		1,858.4		179.9		8.8		64.9									
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3		65.1									
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1		64.8									
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7		64.0									
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5		65.1									
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0		65.6									
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2		65.5									
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9		65.6									
2006	2,305.1	1.8	2,195.5	3.1	109.6	-17.5	4.8		65.7									
2007	2,366.4	2.7	2,266.3	3.2	100.0	-8.8	4.2		66.3									
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate									
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)		(%)				(%)		(%)			
2007 Jan	2,325.4	3.2	2,213.4	4.3	112.0	-13.8	4.8		65.6				2,352.1		2,251.8		100.3	
Feb	2,324.3	2.8	2,221.2	3.7	103.1	-13.0	4.4		65.5				2,345.8	-0.3	2,251.1	0.0	94.7	-5.6
Mar	2,336.3	3.0	2,245.8	3.7	90.5	-12.1	3.9		65.8				2,355.1	0.4	2,262.7	0.5	92.4	-2.4
Apr	2,333.3	2.7	2,225.9	2.6	107.4	3.3	4.6		65.6				2,353.6	-0.1	2,247.1	-0.7	106.5	15.3
May	2,378.7	2.7	2,274.6	3.3	104.1	-8.0	4.4		66.8				2,362.8	0.4	2,261.7	0.6	101.1	-5.1
Jun	2,392.7	3.3	2,294.9	3.1	97.7	7.5	4.1		67.1				2,365.5	0.1	2,260.9	0.0	104.6	3.5
Jul	2,392.8	1.9	2,287.6	2.7	105.2	-11.8	4.4		67.0				2,356.9	-0.4	2,259.0	-0.1	97.9	-6.4
Aug	2,399.6	2.1	2,291.3	3.1	108.4	-14.8	4.5		67.1				2,361.4	0.2	2,267.1	0.4	94.3	-3.7
Sep	2,367.3	2.4	2,272.4	2.8	95.0	-5.8	4.0		66.0				2,373.8	0.5	2,270.0	0.1	103.7	10.0
Oct	2,378.0	2.3	2,283.9	2.5	94.1	-2.9	4.0		66.2				2,379.4	0.2	2,275.5	0.2	103.9	0.2
Nov	2,390.5	3.3	2,297.8	4.0	92.6	-12.5	3.9		66.4				2,399.2	0.8	2,298.8	1.0	100.4	-3.4
Dec	2,377.5	2.2	2,287.3	3.1	90.2	-14.9	3.8		66.0				2,393.5	-0.2	2,292.9	-0.3	100.6	0.2
2008 Jan	2,381.4	2.4	2,274.3	2.8	107.1	-4.4	4.5		66.0				2,402.9	0.4	2,305.2	0.5	97.7	-2.9
Feb	2,380.8	2.4	2,275.1	2.4	105.7	2.5	4.4		65.9				2,402.5	0.0	2,303.2	-0.1	99.3	1.6
Mar	2,407.4	3.0	2,305.3	2.6	102.1	12.8	4.2		66.5				2,422.2	0.8	2,317.9	0.6	104.4	5.1
Apr	2,413.2	3.4	2,304.5	3.5	108.7	1.2	4.5		66.5				2,429.4	0.3	2,324.3	0.3	105.1	0.7
May																		
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Average:																		
Jan-Apr07	2,329.8		2,226.6		103.3		4.4		65.6				2,351.7		2,253.2		98.5	
Jan-Apr08	2,395.7		2,289.8		105.9		4.4		66.2				2,414.3		2,312.7		101.6	
% Change	2.8		2.8		2.6								2.7		2.6		3.2	

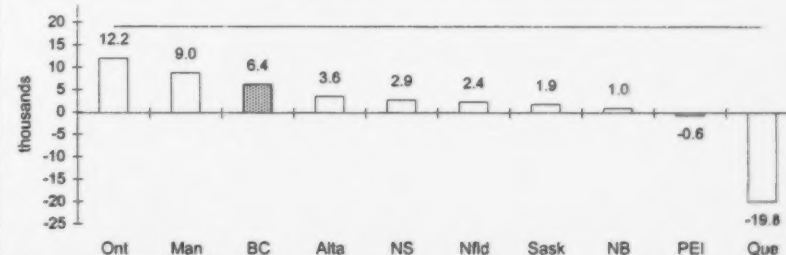
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3a Employment ('000) by Province

		Actual										
		BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998		1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999		1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000		1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001		1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002		1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003		2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004		2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005		2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2006		2,195.5	1,870.7	491.6	587.0	6,492.7	3,765.4	355.4	441.8	68.6	215.7	16,484.3
2007		2,266.3	1,959.4	501.8	596.5	6,593.8	3,851.7	362.8	447.6	69.3	217.1	16,866.4
2007	Jan	2,213.4	1,901.9	493.4	579.8	6,437.2	3,701.1	342.4	432.4	64.8	198.6	16,364.9
	Feb	2,221.2	1,916.7	492.5	582.6	6,460.0	3,720.3	344.7	433.6	64.8	203.0	16,439.5
	Mar	2,245.8	1,921.3	494.7	585.8	6,463.8	3,753.5	345.2	433.2	65.4	203.6	16,512.5
	Apr	2,225.9	1,927.9	494.4	587.0	6,489.2	3,785.4	349.9	442.5	65.8	207.7	16,575.7
	May	2,274.6	1,964.0	509.0	604.5	6,634.0	3,862.0	367.3	454.6	71.8	222.2	16,963.9
	Jun	2,294.9	1,995.2	509.9	608.2	6,685.9	3,954.6	382.8	458.9	74.4	230.6	17,195.5
	Jul	2,287.6	2,000.4	508.6	603.1	6,688.3	3,978.8	380.1	457.6	73.6	236.5	17,214.7
	Aug	2,291.3	1,995.0	504.5	603.3	6,699.2	3,938.8	378.8	456.6	75.1	230.9	17,173.5
	Sep	2,272.4	1,974.0	504.4	599.4	6,603.6	3,897.5	369.5	448.1	71.8	224.4	16,965.2
	Oct	2,283.9	1,971.9	504.5	604.2	6,681.2	3,895.1	365.6	454.0	71.5	219.8	17,051.9
	Nov	2,297.8	1,962.7	505.9	603.9	6,656.9	3,885.4	366.8	448.4	66.7	215.3	17,009.9
	Dec	2,287.3	1,982.3	499.1	595.9	6,626.0	3,848.0	360.6	451.1	66.4	213.0	16,929.8
2008	Jan	2,274.3	1,970.6	496.0	591.7	6,533.8	3,785.9	350.1	436.8	65.2	206.5	16,710.8
	Feb	2,275.1	1,973.6	499.8	593.3	6,595.7	3,813.6	353.8	432.2	65.6	207.8	16,810.5
	Mar	2,305.3	1,987.6	500.1	594.2	6,586.4	3,809.5	352.0	436.1	66.8	207.3	16,845.2
	Apr	2,304.5	1,985.1	503.1	606.6	6,629.2	3,805.8	354.7	447.0	66.5	213.0	16,915.5
	May											
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Average:												
	Jan-Apr07	2,226.6	1,917.0	493.8	583.8	6,462.6	3,740.1	345.6	435.4	65.2	203.2	16,473.2
	Jan-Apr08	2,289.8	1,979.2	499.8	596.5	6,586.3	3,803.7	352.7	438.0	66.0	208.7	16,820.5
	% Change	2.8	3.2	1.2	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.1	0.6	1.3	2.7	2.1

Employment Change*('000), April 2008

Line represents Canada at 19.2



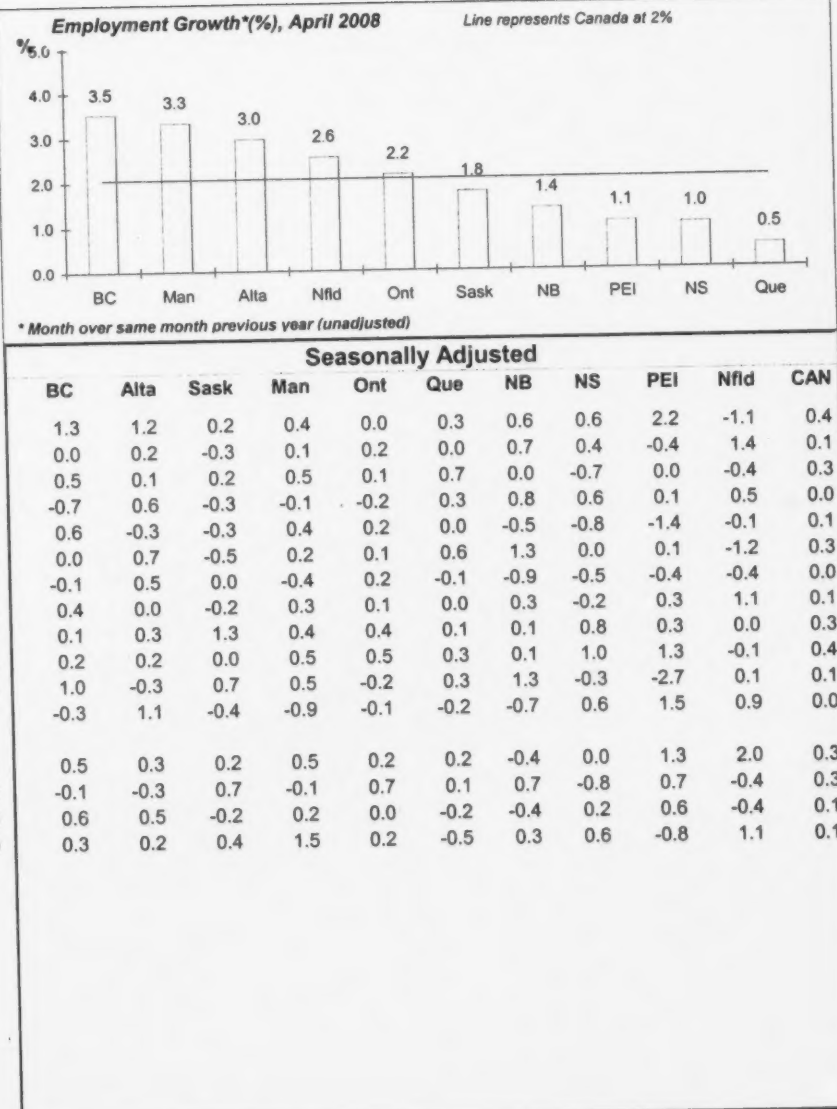
* Current month over previous month (saad)

Seasonally Adjusted

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BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	
2,251.8	1,932.4	503.7	590.6	6,548.6	3,804.3	357.2	448.1	70.2	215.5	16,722.4	
2,251.1	1,937.2	502.4	591.1	6,559.2	3,802.5	359.7	449.7	69.9	218.5	16,741.2	
2,262.7	1,939.3	503.4	593.8	6,569.0	3,829.6	359.7	446.7	69.9	217.6	16,791.8	
2,247.1	1,950.2	501.9	593.2	6,554.8	3,840.4	362.7	449.5	70.0	218.6	16,788.2	
2,261.7	1,944.4	500.6	595.8	6,568.8	3,840.5	360.8	445.9	69.0	218.3	16,805.9	
2,260.9	1,957.2	497.9	597.2	6,575.8	3,864.1	365.6	445.9	69.1	215.6	16,849.4	
2,259.0	1,967.7	497.7	594.7	6,588.2	3,860.6	362.2	443.6	68.8	214.7	16,857.0	
2,267.1	1,968.0	496.7	596.6	6,594.3	3,860.3	363.3	442.8	69.0	217.0	16,875.2	
2,270.0	1,973.8	503.1	599.0	6,621.9	3,865.4	363.7	446.3	69.2	217.0	16,929.5	
2,275.5	1,976.9	503.1	601.8	6,655.6	3,877.8	364.1	450.9	70.1	216.7	16,992.5	
2,298.8	1,971.8	506.6	604.7	6,639.3	3,890.3	369.0	449.7	68.2	216.9	17,015.4	
2,292.9	1,993.8	504.7	599.1	6,630.9	3,884.3	366.6	452.3	69.2	218.8	17,012.5	
2,305.2	1,999.9	505.7	602.3	6,643.8	3,891.5	365.1	452.2	70.1	223.1	17,058.9	
2,303.2	1,994.9	509.0	601.4	6,690.0	3,894.8	367.8	448.4	70.6	222.2	17,102.2	
2,317.9	2,004.5	508.2	602.7	6,688.2	3,887.3	366.3	449.5	71.0	221.3	17,116.8	
2,324.3	2,008.1	510.1	611.7	6,700.4	3,867.5	367.3	452.4	70.4	223.7	17,136.0	
2,253.2	1,939.8	502.9	592.2	6,557.9	3,819.2	359.8	448.5	70.0	217.6	16,760.9	
2,312.7	2,001.9	508.3	604.5	6,680.6	3,885.3	366.6	450.6	70.5	222.6	17,103.5	
2.6	3.2	1.1	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.9	0.5	0.8	2.3	2.0	

3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

		Actual										
		BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998		-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999		1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000		1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001		-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002		2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003		2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004		2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005		3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2006		3.1	4.8	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4	-0.3	0.6	0.7	1.9
2007		3.2	4.7	2.1	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.0	0.6	2.3
2007	Jan	4.3	6.8	4.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	-0.1	1.7	2.9	2.4	2.6
	Feb	3.7	5.7	4.4	0.9	1.9	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.9	1.6	2.5
	Mar	3.7	5.3	4.3	2.0	1.6	2.1	0.5	1.0	3.5	2.6	2.5
	Apr	2.6	5.8	3.0	0.8	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.5	2.3
	May	3.3	3.4	2.6	1.3	0.8	1.9	0.6	0.6	-1.2	1.0	1.7
	Jun	3.1	4.5	1.3	1.5	0.9	2.5	2.5	1.2	0.1	-0.1	2.0
	Jul	2.7	5.4	0.8	1.7	1.2	2.3	1.9	1.0	0.1	-0.3	2.1
	Aug	3.1	4.7	0.6	1.4	1.5	2.5	3.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	2.3
	Sep	2.8	4.7	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.3	3.5	1.1	0.8	-0.4	2.4
	Oct	2.5	3.7	0.6	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.0	3.3	-0.7	2.6
	Nov	4.0	2.8	1.6	3.0	2.1	2.9	4.6	1.2	-1.0	-0.4	2.6
	Dec	3.1	4.4	0.4	1.8	1.3	2.4	3.3	1.5	0.6	0.5	2.1
2008	Jan	2.8	3.6	0.5	2.1	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.0	0.6	4.0	2.1
	Feb	2.4	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.6	-0.3	1.2	2.4	2.3
	Mar	2.6	3.5	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.5	2.0	0.7	2.1	1.8	2.0
	Apr	3.5	3.0	1.8	3.3	2.2	0.5	1.4	1.0	1.1	2.6	2.0
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	Jul											
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	Dec											



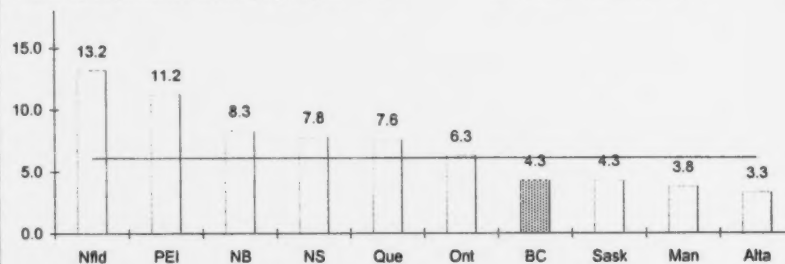
Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

		Actual										
		BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998		8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999		8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000		7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001		7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002		8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003		8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004		7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005		5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2006		4.8	3.4	4.7	4.3	6.3	8.0	8.8	7.9	11.0	14.8	6.3
2007		4.2	3.5	4.2	4.4	6.4	7.2	7.5	8.0	10.3	13.6	6.0
2007	Jan	4.8	3.7	4.6	5.1	6.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	13.9	18.1	6.7
	Feb	4.4	3.6	4.2	4.6	6.4	8.6	7.5	8.5	12.9	15.8	6.5
	Mar	3.9	3.4	4.2	4.5	7.0	8.2	8.3	9.1	12.8	16.1	6.5
	Apr	4.6	3.5	4.3	5.2	6.6	7.6	8.8	8.9	13.0	15.5	6.3
	May	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.8	6.5	6.9	8.2	8.1	8.8	13.7	6.1
	Jun	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.9	6.3	6.1	5.8	7.4	7.1	11.5	5.6
	Jul	4.4	3.4	4.8	4.3	7.3	6.4	7.1	8.5	9.0	11.0	6.2
	Aug	4.5	3.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	7.0	7.9	8.4	7.9	12.8	6.4
	Sep	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.9	5.9	6.4	7.2	7.3	7.9	11.4	5.5
	Oct	4.0	3.2	3.7	3.5	5.5	6.3	6.9	6.7	7.4	12.2	5.3
	Nov	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	5.7	7.0	6.6	7.8	11.8	12.8	5.6
	Dec	3.8	3.1	3.8	4.1	5.8	7.0	7.8	6.8	11.9	12.5	5.6
2008	Jan	4.5	3.6	4.5	4.1	6.5	7.8	9.3	8.3	14.0	14.6	6.3
	Feb	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.5	6.1	7.7	8.9	8.6	11.8	14.6	6.1
	Mar	4.2	3.3	4.4	4.6	6.8	8.0	9.4	8.8	12.6	14.4	6.4
	Apr	4.5	3.3	4.5	4.3	6.3	8.0	9.9	8.4	15.1	15.9	6.3
	May											
	Jun											
	Jul											
	Aug											
	Sep											
	Oct											
	Nov											
	Dec											
Average:												
	Jan-Apr07	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.9	6.7	8.3	8.4	8.9	13.2	16.4	6.5
	Jan-Apr08	4.4	3.5	4.4	4.4	6.4	7.9	9.4	8.5	13.4	14.9	6.3

Unemployment Rates*(%), April 2008

Line represents Canada at 6.1%



*Seasonally adjusted

Seasonally Adjusted

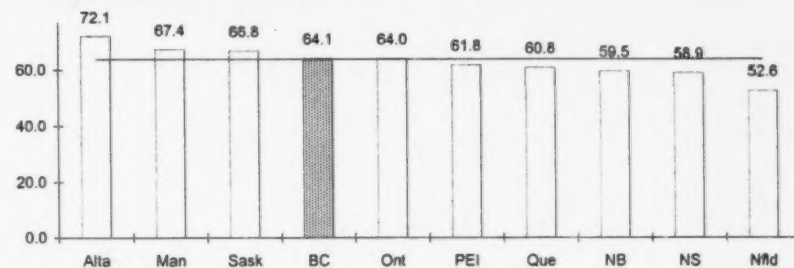
BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
4.3	3.3	4.1	4.6	6.5	7.6	7.9	7.9	10.5	15.2	6.2
4.0	3.5	4.0	4.3	6.3	7.8	6.9	7.5	10.3	14.1	6.1
3.9	3.6	3.9	4.3	6.6	7.5	7.5	8.0	10.4	14.1	6.1
4.5	3.4	4.1	4.8	6.6	7.2	7.5	8.2	9.7	13.2	6.2
4.3	3.8	4.5	5.2	6.3	7.1	7.8	8.0	10.2	12.8	6.0
4.4	3.7	4.4	4.5	6.6	6.9	6.9	8.1	10.5	13.1	6.1
4.2	3.4	4.8	4.2	6.6	7.0	7.4	8.7	10.5	13.6	6.0
4.0	3.6	4.8	4.2	6.4	7.2	7.8	8.9	10.4	13.7	6.0
4.4	3.6	3.9	4.2	6.2	6.9	8.3	7.9	10.6	13.5	5.9
4.4	3.4	4.3	4.1	6.1	7.0	7.7	7.6	8.8	13.6	5.8
4.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	6.4	7.0	7.2	7.9	11.4	13.2	5.9
4.2	3.2	4.0	4.2	6.5	7.0	7.8	7.8	10.7	12.5	6.0
4.1	3.2	3.9	3.8	6.3	6.8	8.2	7.4	10.6	12.2	5.8
4.1	3.5	4.1	4.2	6.1	7.0	8.1	7.7	10.0	13.1	5.8
4.3	3.4	4.1	4.3	6.4	7.3	8.5	7.9	10.4	12.6	6.0
4.3	3.3	4.3	3.8	6.3	7.6	8.3	7.8	11.2	13.2	6.1
4.2	3.5	4.0	4.5	6.5	7.5	7.5	7.9	10.2	14.2	6.2
4.2	3.4	4.1	4.0	6.3	7.2	8.3	7.7	10.6	12.8	5.9

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7
2006	62.5	70.8	65.9	65.8	63.5	60.2	58.1	57.9	61.1	50.4	63.0
2007	63.5	71.5	66.8	66.4	63.6	61.0	59.2	58.6	61.2	51.2	63.5

Employment Rates*(%), April 2008

Line represents Canada at 63.8%



*Seasonally adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	62.5	70.4	66.1	64.8	62.5	58.9	56.0	56.6	57.4	46.6	62.0
Feb	62.6	70.7	65.9	65.1	62.7	59.1	56.3	56.8	57.4	47.7	62.2
Mar	63.2	70.7	66.1	65.4	62.6	59.6	56.4	56.7	58.0	47.8	62.4
Apr	62.6	70.8	66.0	65.5	62.8	60.1	57.1	57.9	58.3	48.9	62.6
May	63.9	71.9	67.9	67.3	64.1	61.2	60.0	59.5	63.5	52.4	64.0
Jun	64.3	72.8	68.0	67.7	64.6	62.6	62.5	60.1	65.7	54.5	64.8
Jul	64.0	72.8	67.7	67.1	64.5	63.0	62.0	59.9	64.9	55.9	64.8
Aug	64.0	72.4	67.1	67.0	64.5	62.3	61.7	59.7	66.2	54.6	64.6
Sep	63.4	71.5	66.9	66.6	63.6	61.6	60.2	58.6	63.2	53.0	63.7
Oct	63.6	71.3	66.8	67.0	64.2	61.5	59.5	59.3	62.9	51.9	64.0
Nov	63.9	70.9	66.9	66.9	63.9	61.3	59.6	58.6	58.7	50.8	63.7
Dec	63.5	71.6	65.8	66.0	63.6	60.7	58.6	58.9	58.3	50.2	63.4
2008 Jan	63.0	71.1	65.3	65.4	62.6	59.7	56.9	57.0	57.3	48.6	62.5
Feb	63.0	71.1	65.7	65.6	63.1	60.1	57.4	56.4	57.6	48.9	62.8
Mar	63.7	71.5	65.6	65.6	63.0	60.0	57.1	56.9	58.7	48.7	62.8
Apr	63.5	71.3	65.9	66.9	63.3	59.8	57.5	58.2	58.3	50.0	63.0
May											
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Average:											
Jan-Apr07	62.7	70.7	66.0	65.2	62.7	59.4	56.5	57.0	57.8	47.8	62.3
Jan-Apr08	63.3	71.3	65.6	65.9	63.0	59.9	57.2	57.1	58.0	49.1	62.8

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	63.5	71.5	67.4	66.0	63.6	60.5	58.4	58.7	62.2	50.6	63.4
Feb	63.5	71.5	67.2	66.1	63.6	60.4	58.8	58.9	62.0	51.3	63.4
Mar	63.7	71.4	67.3	66.3	63.7	60.8	58.8	58.5	62.0	51.1	63.5
Apr	63.2	71.6	67.0	66.1	63.4	60.9	59.2	58.9	62.0	51.4	63.4
May	63.5	71.2	66.8	66.4	63.5	60.9	58.9	58.4	61.1	51.5	63.4
Jun	63.4	71.4	66.4	66.5	63.5	61.2	59.7	58.4	61.0	50.9	63.5
Jul	63.2	71.6	66.3	66.1	63.6	61.1	59.1	58.0	60.7	50.7	63.4
Aug	63.4	71.4	66.0	66.3	63.5	61.1	59.2	57.9	60.8	51.3	63.4
Sep	63.3	71.5	66.8	66.5	63.7	61.1	59.2	58.3	60.9	51.3	63.6
Oct	63.4	71.5	66.6	66.8	64.0	61.3	59.3	58.9	61.7	51.2	63.7
Nov	63.9	71.3	66.9	67.0	63.7	61.4	60.0	58.8	60.0	51.1	63.7
Dec	63.6	72.0	66.6	66.3	63.6	61.3	59.6	59.1	60.8	51.5	63.7
2008 Jan	63.9	72.1	66.6	66.6	63.6	61.3	59.3	59.0	61.6	52.5	63.8
Feb	63.7	71.9	66.9	66.4	64.0	61.3	59.7	58.5	62.0	52.3	63.9
Mar	64.0	72.1	66.7	66.5	63.9	61.2	59.4	58.6	62.4	52.0	63.9
Apr	64.1	72.1	66.8	67.4	64.0	60.8	59.5	58.9	61.8	52.6	63.8
May											
Jun											
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Dec											
Average:											
Jan-Apr07	63.5	71.5	67.2	66.1	63.6	60.7	58.8	58.8	62.1	51.1	63.4
Jan-Apr08	63.9	72.1	66.8	66.7	63.9	61.2	59.5	58.8	62.0	52.4	63.9

5a BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Annual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2006	172.7	520.1	439.8	1,160.9	17.5	21.2	16.0	56.2	176.9	465.8	376.8	1,034.5	13.9	22.3	16.1	53.4	349.6	985.9	816.6	2,195.5	31.4	43.5	32.0	109.6
2007	188.2	530.3	462.6	1,210.9	15.3	19.5	14.8	50.6	174.4	467.6	395.5	1,055.4	14.4	19.3	15.4	49.4	362.6	997.9	858.2	2,266.3	29.7	38.8	30.2	100.0
2007 Jan	170.9	520.2	453.8	1,176.5	18.2	21.3	13.8	54.7	162.1	469.5	387.0	1,036.9	16.0	18.5	21.7	57.3	333.0	989.7	840.8	2,213.4	34.1	39.8	35.6	112.0
Feb	173.8	522.4	454.7	1,182.4	16.1	20.0	15.6	54.3	167.1	467.8	383.9	1,038.8	12.9	17.6	18.3	48.8	341.0	990.2	838.6	2,221.2	29.0	37.6	33.9	103.1
Mar	175.3	524.3	457.8	1,184.6	13.4	17.4	16.3	49.2	169.6	478.4	395.0	1,061.2	11.7	16.3	13.4	41.4	344.9	1,002.7	852.8	2,245.8	25.1	33.7	29.8	90.5
Apr	176.4	527.4	455.1	1,183.1	14.3	20.3	19.4	55.7	158.1	470.9	396.5	1,042.8	14.5	19.5	17.2	51.7	334.5	998.2	851.6	2,225.9	28.7	39.8	36.6	107.4
May	189.6	530.2	466.3	1,212.6	15.6	16.7	14.4	47.5	177.9	475.0	394.0	1,061.9	16.1	23.4	16.6	56.6	367.5	1,005.3	860.2	2,274.6	31.7	40.1	31.1	104.1
Jun	198.4	539.2	465.9	1,227.0	17.5	19.9	15.4	53.1	182.2	467.2	399.5	1,068.0	14.8	17.5	11.9	44.7	380.6	1,006.5	865.5	2,294.9	32.3	37.4	27.3	97.7
Jul	213.4	534.7	459.3	1,234.6	20.0	21.9	13.6	55.7	186.8	459.2	388.2	1,053.0	17.7	14.7	17.0	49.5	400.2	993.9	847.5	2,287.6	37.7	36.6	30.6	105.2
Aug	211.7	531.2	463.0	1,236.3	13.8	19.0	12.9	45.8	193.1	448.5	395.8	1,054.9	13.1	30.8	18.7	62.6	404.8	979.8	858.8	2,291.3	26.8	49.9	31.6	108.4
Sep	188.3	535.6	469.7	1,223.9	13.8	15.3	11.3	40.5	169.8	455.0	406.7	1,048.4	17.3	25.7	10.9	54.5	358.1	990.6	876.4	2,272.4	31.1	41.0	22.2	95.0
Oct	186.9	532.8	469.9	1,224.7	14.7	19.2	14.7	50.2	171.6	465.8	404.4	1,059.2	11.6	19.1	12.6	43.8	358.5	998.6	874.3	2,283.9	26.3	38.3	27.3	94.1
Nov	188.1	534.1	468.5	1,226.1	11.4	19.8	14.9	46.7	178.2	474.7	399.8	1,071.8	16.0	15.4	14.1	45.9	366.2	1,008.8	868.3	2,297.8	27.4	35.2	29.0	92.6
Dec	185.7	531.2	467.7	1,219.0	14.3	23.1	15.5	53.9	176.9	479.7	395.4	1,068.3	11.5	12.5	12.0	36.4	362.6	1,010.9	863.1	2,287.3	25.8	35.6	27.5	90.2
2008 Jan	176.8	526.5	471.6	1,209.8	18.6	24.5	15.8	59.9	171.9	478.4	397.8	1,064.5	12.7	18.8	15.3	47.2	348.7	1,004.9	869.3	2,274.3	31.3	43.3	31.2	107.1
Feb	178.8	521.7	473.4	1,207.5	15.4	26.3	14.4	57.2	175.1	477.1	400.2	1,067.6	15.7	18.7	13.8	48.5	353.9	998.9	873.7	2,275.1	31.1	45.0	28.2	105.7
Mar	180.8	529.6	477.3	1,226.1	11.9	25.2	16.3	54.3	180.2	469.7	412.4	1,079.2	11.1	19.5	16.9	47.8	361.0	999.3	889.7	2,305.3	23.0	44.7	33.2	102.1
Apr	180.4	531.3	473.6	1,221.3	17.6	25.8	17.9	62.0	176.8	471.5	415.0	1,083.2	14.0	19.5	13.2	46.7	357.1	1,002.8	888.6	2,304.5	31.5	45.3	31.1	108.7
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Jan-Apr07	174.1	523.6	455.4	1,181.7	15.5	19.8	16.3	53.5	164.2	471.7	390.6	1,044.9	13.8	18.0	17.7	49.8	338.4	995.2	846.0	2,226.6	29.2	37.7	34.0	103.3
Jan-Apr08	179.2	527.3	474.0	1,216.2	15.9	25.5	16.1	58.4	176.0	474.2	406.4	1,073.6	13.4	19.1	14.8	47.6	355.2	1,001.5	880.3	2,289.8	29.2	44.6	30.9	105.9
% Change	2.9	0.7	4.1	2.9	2.4	28.9	-1.1	9.1	7.2	0.5	4.0	2.7	-2.9	6.4	-16.1	-4.5	5.0	0.6	4.1	2.8	0.0	18.2	-9.0	2.6

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2006	64.6	90.6	79.1	70.4	9.2	3.9	3.5	4.6	67.7	80.2	66.6	61.0	7.3	4.6	4.1	4.9	66.1	85.4	72.8	65.7	8.2	4.2	3.8	4.8
2007	68.9	91.5	80.4	71.7	7.5	3.5	3.1	4.0	66.7	79.7	67.6	61.0	7.6	4.0	3.7	4.5	67.8	85.5	73.9	66.3	7.6	3.7	3.4	4.2
2007 Jan	64.1	90.4	79.8	70.6	9.6	3.9	3.0	4.4	63.0	80.1	68.2	60.8	9.0	3.8	5.3	5.2	63.6	85.2	73.9	65.6	9.3	3.9	4.1	4.8
2007 Feb	64.4	90.5	80.1	70.8	8.5	3.7	3.3	4.4	63.7	79.6	66.9	60.4	7.2	3.6	4.5	4.5	64.0	85.0	73.4	65.5	7.8	3.7	3.9	4.4
2007 Mar	64.0	90.3	80.6	70.5	7.1	3.2	3.4	4.0	64.1	81.1	67.8	61.2	6.5	3.3	3.3	3.8	64.0	85.7	74.1	65.8	6.8	3.3	3.4	3.9
2007 Apr	64.6	91.3	80.4	70.7	7.5	3.7	4.1	4.5	61.0	80.4	68.5	60.6	8.4	4.0	4.2	4.7	62.8	85.8	74.4	65.6	7.9	3.8	4.1	4.6
2007 May	69.6	91.1	81.3	71.9	7.6	3.1	3.0	3.8	68.5	81.7	67.8	61.9	8.3	4.7	4.0	5.1	69.1	86.4	74.4	66.8	7.9	3.8	3.5	4.4
2007 Jun	73.2	93.1	81.2	72.9	8.1	3.6	3.2	4.1	69.6	79.4	67.8	61.5	7.5	3.6	2.9	4.0	71.4	86.2	74.4	67.1	7.8	3.6	3.1	4.1
2007 Jul	79.1	92.6	79.5	73.3	8.6	3.9	2.9	4.3	72.2	77.6	66.6	60.8	8.7	3.1	4.2	4.5	75.7	85.1	73.0	67.0	8.6	3.6	3.5	4.4
2007 Aug	76.4	91.5	79.8	72.8	6.1	3.5	2.7	3.6	72.8	78.5	67.9	61.5	6.4	6.4	4.5	5.6	74.6	84.9	73.8	67.1	6.2	4.8	3.5	4.5
2007 Sep	68.4	91.5	80.4	71.6	6.8	2.8	2.3	3.2	65.9	78.6	68.2	60.6	9.2	5.3	2.6	4.9	67.2	85.0	74.3	66.0	8.0	4.0	2.5	4.0
2007 Oct	68.1	91.6	80.8	72.1	7.3	3.5	3.0	3.9	64.5	79.2	68.0	60.5	6.3	3.9	3.0	4.0	66.3	85.4	74.3	66.2	6.8	3.7	3.0	4.0
2007 Nov	67.4	91.8	80.4	71.8	5.7	3.6	3.1	3.7	68.2	80.0	67.3	61.2	8.2	3.1	3.4	4.1	67.8	85.9	73.8	66.4	7.0	3.4	3.2	3.9
2007 Dec	67.5	91.8	80.2	71.7	7.2	4.2	3.2	4.2	66.2	80.3	66.1	60.4	6.1	2.5	2.9	3.3	66.9	86.0	73.1	66.0	6.6	3.4	3.1	3.8
2008 Jan	65.9	91.3	80.6	71.4	9.5	4.4	3.2	4.7	64.8	81.1	66.8	60.7	6.9	3.8	3.7	4.2	65.4	86.1	73.6	66.0	8.2	4.1	3.5	4.5
2008 Feb	65.5	90.7	80.5	71.0	7.9	4.8	3.0	4.5	67.0	80.8	66.8	60.9	8.2	3.8	3.3	4.3	66.2	85.7	73.6	65.9	8.1	4.3	3.1	4.4
2008 Mar	65.0	91.8	81.3	71.8	6.2	4.5	3.3	4.2	67.0	79.6	69.1	61.4	5.8	4.0	3.9	4.2	66.0	85.7	75.1	66.5	6.0	4.3	3.6	4.2
2008 Apr	66.6	92.1	80.7	71.8	8.9	4.6	3.6	4.8	66.8	79.9	68.7	61.4	7.3	4.0	3.1	4.1	66.7	85.9	74.6	66.5	8.1	4.3	3.4	4.5
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Average:																								
Jan-Apr07	64.3	90.6	80.2	70.7	8.2	3.6	3.5	4.3	63.0	80.3	67.9	60.8	7.8	3.7	4.3	4.6	63.6	85.4	74.0	65.6	8.0	3.7	3.9	4.4
Jan-Apr08	65.8	91.5	80.8	71.5	8.1	4.6	3.3	4.6	66.4	80.4	67.9	61.1	7.1	3.9	3.5	4.2	66.1	85.9	74.2	66.2	7.6	4.3	3.4	4.4

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

5c BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2006	172.7	988.2	1,160.9	17.5	38.8	56.2	176.9	857.6	1,034.5	13.9	39.5	53.4	349.6	1,845.8	2,195.5	31.4	78.2	109.6
2007	188.2	1,022.7	1,210.9	15.3	35.4	50.6	174.4	881.0	1,055.4	14.4	35.0	49.4	362.6	1,903.7	2,266.3	29.7	70.4	100.0
2007 Jan	183.0	1,021.7	1,204.7	16.8	30.1	46.9	170.0	877.0	1,047.1	16.2	37.3	53.5	353.1	1,898.7	2,251.8	33.0	67.4	100.3
Feb	183.4	1,018.4	1,201.8	15.5	30.9	46.4	172.4	876.8	1,049.3	14.2	34.1	48.3	355.9	1,895.2	2,251.1	29.7	65.0	94.7
Mar	184.7	1,015.4	1,200.1	14.3	33.6	47.9	174.8	887.8	1,062.6	14.1	30.5	44.6	359.4	1,903.2	2,262.7	28.4	64.1	92.4
Apr	183.7	1,016.3	1,200.0	15.3	40.1	55.4	167.3	879.8	1,047.1	13.7	37.4	51.1	351.0	1,896.1	2,247.1	29.0	77.5	106.5
May	187.7	1,018.4	1,206.1	13.9	33.7	47.5	175.4	880.2	1,055.6	12.7	40.8	53.5	363.1	1,898.6	2,261.7	26.5	74.5	101.1
Jun	189.8	1,017.5	1,207.3	17.2	39.1	56.3	174.1	879.4	1,053.6	14.1	34.1	48.3	363.9	1,896.9	2,260.9	31.3	73.3	104.6
Jul	191.7	1,017.0	1,208.7	14.5	39.2	53.6	173.6	876.7	1,050.3	12.2	32.0	44.3	365.3	1,893.7	2,259.0	26.7	71.2	97.9
Aug	191.0	1,019.9	1,210.9	13.6	32.6	46.2	179.6	876.6	1,056.2	11.4	36.7	48.1	370.5	1,896.6	2,267.1	25.0	69.3	94.3
Sep	192.8	1,025.2	1,218.0	15.1	33.8	48.9	174.7	877.4	1,052.1	17.4	37.4	54.9	367.4	1,902.6	2,270.0	32.5	71.2	103.7
Oct	189.1	1,031.3	1,220.4	16.2	39.3	55.5	174.2	880.9	1,055.2	13.4	35.0	48.4	363.3	1,912.2	2,275.5	29.6	74.3	103.9
Nov	191.3	1,036.2	1,227.4	13.8	36.4	50.2	179.1	892.3	1,071.4	18.7	31.5	50.2	370.3	1,928.5	2,298.8	32.5	67.8	100.4
Dec	189.4	1,038.8	1,228.1	16.4	38.4	54.7	177.1	887.6	1,064.8	15.1	30.8	45.8	366.5	1,926.4	2,292.9	31.4	69.2	100.6
2008 Jan	189.6	1,042.9	1,232.5	16.9	36.3	53.2	180.1	892.6	1,072.7	13.2	31.3	44.5	369.7	1,935.5	2,305.2	30.0	67.6	97.7
Feb	189.1	1,038.2	1,227.3	15.2	36.0	51.2	179.7	896.2	1,075.9	16.4	31.7	48.1	368.8	1,934.4	2,303.2	31.5	67.7	99.3
Mar	190.2	1,049.3	1,239.5	13.4	40.4	53.8	183.5	894.9	1,078.4	13.8	36.7	50.6	373.7	1,944.2	2,317.9	27.3	77.1	104.4
Apr	189.4	1,049.8	1,239.3	18.0	41.4	59.4	184.8	900.2	1,085.0	13.2	32.5	45.7	374.2	1,950.0	2,324.3	31.3	73.9	105.1
May																		
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Nov																		
Dec																		
Average:																		
Jan-Apr07	183.7	1,018.0	1,201.7	15.5	33.7	49.2	171.1	880.4	1,051.5	14.6	34.8	49.4	354.9	1,898.3	2,253.2	30.0	68.5	98.5
Jan-Apr08	189.6	1,045.1	1,234.7	15.9	38.5	54.4	182.0	896.0	1,078.0	14.2	33.1	47.2	371.6	1,941.0	2,312.7	30.0	71.6	101.6
% Change	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.6	14.4	10.7	6.4	1.8	2.5	-2.7	-5.1	-4.4	4.7	2.3	2.6	0.0	4.5	3.2

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.3	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2006	64.6	71.6	70.4	9.2	3.8	4.6	58.7	68.9	67.2	67.7	59.8	61.0	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.8	57.1	58.0	66.1	65.6	65.7	8.2	4.1	4.8	60.7	62.9	62.5
2007	68.9	72.3	71.7	7.5	3.3	4.0	63.7	69.9	68.9	66.7	59.9	61.0	7.6	3.8	4.5	61.5	57.6	58.2	67.8	66.0	66.3	7.6	3.6	4.2	62.6	63.6	63.5
2007 Jan	67.8	72.5	71.7	8.4	2.9	3.7	62.1	70.5	69.0	65.9	60.3	61.2	8.7	4.1	4.9	60.1	57.8	58.2	66.8	66.3	66.4	8.5	3.4	4.3	61.1	64.0	63.5
Feb	67.4	72.3	71.5	7.8	2.9	3.7	62.2	70.2	68.8	66.0	60.0	61.0	7.6	3.7	4.4	61.0	57.8	58.3	66.7	66.0	66.1	7.7	3.3	4.0	61.6	63.8	63.5
Mar	67.4	72.2	71.4	7.2	3.2	3.8	62.6	69.8	68.6	66.8	60.4	61.4	7.5	3.3	4.0	61.8	58.4	58.9	67.1	66.2	66.3	7.3	3.3	3.9	62.2	64.0	63.7
Apr	67.4	72.5	71.7	7.7	3.8	4.4	62.3	69.8	68.5	64.0	60.2	60.8	7.6	4.1	4.7	59.1	57.8	58.0	65.8	66.2	66.2	7.6	3.9	4.5	60.7	63.6	63.2
May	68.3	72.1	71.5	6.9	3.2	3.8	63.6	69.8	68.8	66.5	60.4	61.4	6.8	4.4	4.8	62.0	57.7	58.4	67.4	66.1	66.3	6.8	3.8	4.3	62.8	63.6	63.5
Jun	70.1	72.3	71.9	8.3	3.7	4.5	64.3	69.6	68.7	66.5	59.8	60.9	7.5	3.7	4.4	61.5	57.6	58.2	68.4	65.9	66.3	7.9	3.7	4.4	62.9	63.5	63.4
Jul	69.9	72.1	71.7	7.0	3.7	4.2	64.9	69.5	68.7	65.6	59.4	60.4	6.6	3.5	4.0	61.3	57.3	57.9	67.8	65.6	66.0	6.8	3.6	4.2	63.2	63.2	63.2
Aug	69.3	71.7	71.3	6.6	3.1	3.7	64.7	69.5	68.7	67.4	59.6	60.8	6.0	4.0	4.4	63.4	57.2	58.2	68.3	65.5	66.0	6.3	3.5	4.0	64.0	63.2	63.4
Sep	70.3	72.0	71.8	7.3	3.2	3.9	65.2	69.7	69.0	67.7	59.6	60.8	9.1	4.1	5.0	61.6	57.1	57.8	69.0	65.7	66.2	8.1	3.6	4.4	63.4	63.3	63.3
Oct	69.4	72.7	72.1	7.9	3.7	4.3	63.9	70.0	69.0	66.0	59.5	60.6	7.1	3.8	4.4	61.3	57.3	57.9	67.7	66.0	66.3	7.5	3.7	4.4	62.6	63.5	63.4
Nov	69.2	72.7	72.1	6.7	3.4	3.9	64.6	70.2	69.3	69.5	59.9	61.4	9.5	3.4	4.5	63.0	57.9	58.7	69.4	66.2	66.7	8.1	3.4	4.2	63.8	63.9	63.9
Dec	69.4	72.9	72.3	8.0	3.6	4.3	63.9	70.3	69.2	67.5	59.5	60.7	7.9	3.4	4.1	62.2	57.5	58.2	68.5	66.0	66.4	7.9	3.5	4.2	63.1	63.8	63.6
2008 Jan	69.6	72.9	72.3	8.2	3.4	4.1	63.9	70.4	69.3	67.8	59.7	61.0	6.8	3.4	4.0	63.2	57.7	58.6	68.7	66.2	66.6	7.5	3.4	4.1	63.6	63.9	63.9
Feb	68.9	72.4	71.8	7.4	3.4	4.0	63.7	70.0	68.9	68.8	59.9	61.3	8.4	3.4	4.3	63.1	57.9	58.7	68.8	66.0	66.5	7.9	3.4	4.1	63.4	63.8	63.7
Mar	68.6	73.3	72.5	6.6	3.7	4.2	64.1	70.6	69.5	69.2	60.0	61.5	7.0	3.9	4.5	64.3	57.7	58.7	68.9	66.5	66.9	6.8	3.8	4.3	64.2	64.0	64.0
Apr	69.8	73.3	72.7	8.7	3.8	4.6	63.7	70.5	69.4	69.4	60.0	61.4	6.7	3.5	4.0	64.8	57.9	59.0	69.6	66.5	67.0	7.7	3.7	4.3	64.3	64.0	64.1
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Average:																											
Jan-Apr07	67.5	72.4	71.6	7.8	3.2	3.9	62.3	70.1	68.7	65.7	60.2	61.1	7.9	3.8	4.5	60.5	58.0	58.4	66.6	66.2	66.3	7.8	3.5	4.2	61.4	63.9	63.5
Jan-Apr08	69.2	73.0	72.3	7.7	3.6	4.2	63.9	70.4	69.3	68.8	59.9	61.3	7.2	3.6	4.2	63.9	57.8	58.8	69.0	66.3	66.8	7.5	3.6	4.2	63.9	63.9	63.9

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

6 BC Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
2006	1,022.3	138.6	1,160.9	11.9	727.8	306.7	1,034.5	29.6	1,750.2	445.3	2,195.5	20.3
2007	1,067.8	143.1	1,210.9	11.8	740.9	314.6	1,055.4	29.8	1,808.7	457.7	2,266.3	20.2
seasonally adjusted												
2007 Jan	1,048.7	156.0	1,204.7	12.9	746.4	300.7	1,047.1	28.7	1,795.2	456.6	2,251.8	20.3
Feb	1,049.4	152.4	1,201.8	12.7	744.7	304.6	1,049.3	29.0	1,794.0	457.0	2,251.1	20.3
Mar	1,056.7	143.4	1,200.1	11.9	734.7	328.0	1,062.6	30.9	1,791.4	471.3	2,262.7	20.8
Apr	1,054.6	145.4	1,200.0	12.1	740.1	307.0	1,047.1	29.3	1,794.6	452.5	2,247.1	20.1
May	1,065.6	140.5	1,206.1	11.6	747.2	308.4	1,055.6	29.2	1,812.7	449.0	2,261.7	19.9
Jun	1,058.1	149.3	1,207.3	12.4	725.0	328.6	1,053.6	31.2	1,783.0	477.9	2,260.9	21.1
Jul	1,075.2	133.5	1,208.7	11.0	736.8	313.5	1,050.3	29.8	1,812.0	447.0	2,259.0	19.8
Aug	1,076.4	134.5	1,210.9	11.1	740.0	316.2	1,056.2	29.9	1,816.4	450.7	2,267.1	19.9
Sep	1,081.5	136.5	1,218.0	11.2	740.5	311.6	1,052.1	29.6	1,821.9	448.1	2,270.0	19.7
Oct	1,079.0	141.4	1,220.4	11.6	740.2	315.0	1,055.2	29.9	1,819.2	456.4	2,275.5	20.1
Nov	1,089.4	138.0	1,227.4	11.2	758.2	313.2	1,071.4	29.2	1,847.6	451.2	2,298.8	19.6
Dec	1,080.8	147.3	1,228.1	12.0	735.7	329.1	1,064.8	30.9	1,816.5	476.5	2,292.9	20.8
2008 Jan	1,087.2	145.3	1,232.5	11.8	745.9	326.7	1,072.7	30.5	1,833.1	472.1	2,305.2	20.5
Feb	1,083.6	143.7	1,227.3	11.7	751.4	324.5	1,075.9	30.2	1,835.0	468.2	2,303.2	20.3
Mar	1,095.0	144.5	1,239.5	11.7	748.7	329.7	1,078.4	30.6	1,843.7	474.2	2,317.9	20.5
Apr	1,100.6	138.6	1,239.3	11.2	759.0	326.1	1,085.0	30.1	1,859.6	464.7	2,324.3	20.0
May												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Apr07	1,052.4	149.3	1,201.7	12.4	741.5	310.1	1,051.5	29.5	1,793.8	459.4	2,253.2	20.4
Jan-Apr08	1,091.6	143.0	1,234.7	11.6	751.3	326.8	1,078.0	30.3	1,842.9	469.8	2,312.7	20.3
% Change	3.7	-4.2	2.7		1.3	5.4	2.5		2.7	2.3	2.6	

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1998	1,858.4		408.5		33.0		51.3		11.1		195.9		117.2	
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
2006	2,195.5	3.1	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	43.8	16.8	8.6	-16.5	197.5	-0.4	179.3	6.7
2007	2,266.3	3.2	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	47.3	8.0	10.3	19.8	205.1	3.8	196.9	9.8
seasonally adjusted														
2007 Jan	2,251.8		494.7		35.2		50.8		7.9		207.0		193.7	
Feb	2,251.1	0.0	485.0	-2.0	35.5	0.9	47.4	-6.7	9.3	17.7	205.8	-0.6	187.0	-3.5
Mar	2,262.7	0.5	491.5	1.3	33.6	-5.4	45.4	-4.2	8.2	-11.8	212.7	3.4	191.5	2.4
Apr	2,247.1	-0.7	494.7	0.7	32.2	-4.2	48.4	6.6	8.7	6.1	211.2	-0.7	194.2	1.4
May	2,261.7	0.6	495.1	0.1	35.2	9.3	45.8	-5.4	8.2	-5.7	205.2	-2.8	200.8	3.4
Jun	2,260.9	0.0	496.8	0.3	35.1	-0.3	46.0	0.4	9.3	13.4	208.8	1.8	197.7	-1.5
Jul	2,259.0	-0.1	487.5	-1.9	36.0	2.6	46.3	0.7	11.8	26.9	205.2	-1.7	188.2	-4.8
Aug	2,267.1	0.4	491.2	0.8	34.4	-4.4	46.9	1.3	11.4	-3.4	201.3	-1.9	197.2	4.8
Sep	2,270.0	0.1	504.5	2.7	38.3	11.3	45.4	-3.2	10.6	-7.0	209.4	4.0	200.7	1.8
Oct	2,275.5	0.2	498.5	-1.2	40.7	6.3	47.1	3.7	12.7	19.8	203.4	-2.9	194.7	-3.0
Nov	2,298.8	1.0	508.2	1.9	39.8	-2.2	48.0	1.9	12.5	-1.6	201.2	-1.1	206.7	6.2
Dec	2,292.9	-0.3	503.5	-0.9	39.7	-0.3	50.6	5.4	13.2	5.6	190.2	-5.5	210.0	1.6
2008 Jan	2,305.2	0.5	509.3	1.2	43.2	8.8	47.8	-5.5	14.6	10.6	193.9	1.9	209.8	-0.1
Feb	2,303.2	-0.1	499.2	-2.0	38.4	-11.1	46.7	-2.3	14.4	-1.4	185.2	-4.5	214.5	2.2
Mar	2,317.9	0.6	511.5	2.5	38.7	0.8	46.9	0.4	15.7	9.0	190.8	3.0	219.4	2.3
Apr	2,324.3	0.3	498.0	-2.6	35.7	-7.8	49.1	4.7	13.2	-15.9	182.3	-4.5	217.7	-0.8
May														
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Average:														
Jan-Apr07	2,253.2		491.5		34.1		48.0		8.5		209.2		191.6	
Jan-Apr08	2,312.7		504.5		39.0		47.6		14.5		188.1		215.4	
% Change	2.6		2.7		14.3		-0.8		69.8		-10.1		12.4	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service										Public Administration	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health & Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Other Service			
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1998	1,449.9		105.6		289.7		122.3		122.8		118.3		197.4		146.8		253.2		93.8	
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	167.6	2.4	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	302.8	3.1	91.3	-4.0
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	166.3	-0.8	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	304.3	0.5	95.9	5.0
seasonally adjusted																				
2007 Jan	1,757.1		121.3		355.9		137.6		166.8		157.4		233.9		178.6		310.0		95.6	
Feb	1,766.1	0.5	131.0	8.0	359.4	1.0	139.9	1.7	168.9	1.3	158.8	0.9	243.2	4.0	172.3	-3.5	301.6	-2.7	91.2	-4.6
Mar	1,771.2	0.3	125.0	-4.6	357.1	-0.6	149.2	6.6	161.1	-4.6	161.8	1.9	248.5	2.2	173.0	0.4	303.1	0.5	92.5	1.4
Apr	1,752.4	-1.1	124.4	-0.5	352.8	-1.2	145.2	-2.7	163	1.2	157.6	-2.6	241.6	-2.8	167.6	-3.1	305.1	0.7	95.0	2.7
May	1,766.6	0.8	125.0	0.5	363.5	3.0	149.4	2.9	172.7	6.0	158.5	0.6	234.4	-3.0	169.6	1.2	300.6	-1.5	92.8	-2.3
Jun	1,764.0	-0.1	123.5	-1.2	367.5	1.1	148.0	-0.9	171.3	-0.8	151.8	-4.2	242.0	3.2	173.8	2.5	290.7	-3.3	95.4	2.8
Jul	1,771.5	0.4	124.7	1.0	374.8	2.0	150.0	1.4	175.9	2.7	142.8	-5.9	239.1	-1.2	169.8	-2.3	297.3	2.3	97.1	1.8
Aug	1,776.0	0.3	124.0	-0.6	377.0	0.6	149.2	-0.5	168.2	-4.4	143.9	0.8	235.3	-1.6	182.4	7.4	301.5	1.4	94.4	-2.8
Sep	1,765.6	-0.6	121.3	-2.2	365.1	-3.2	143.8	-3.6	162.7	-3.3	159.5	10.8	236.5	0.5	172.3	-5.5	307.2	1.9	97.4	3.2
Oct	1,777.1	0.7	123.8	2.1	372.7	2.1	142.6	-0.8	161.8	-0.6	158.3	-0.8	243.7	3.0	171.4	-0.5	305.3	-0.6	97.3	-0.1
Nov	1,790.6	0.8	129.1	4.3	369.5	-0.9	142.7	0.1	163.2	0.9	159.6	0.8	241.9	-0.7	171.6	0.1	314.1	2.9	98.9	1.6
Dec	1,789.4	-0.1	136.0	5.3	365.7	-1.0	141.9	-0.6	160.1	-1.9	159.4	-0.1	235.9	-2.5	169.2	-1.4	317.7	1.1	103.5	4.7
2008 Jan	1,795.9	0.4	129.1	-5.1	355.9	-2.7	145.1	2.3	171.2	6.9	166.7	4.6	246.3	4.4	168.1	-0.7	318.4	0.2	95.1	-8.1
Feb	1,804.0	0.5	128.4	-0.5	359.9	1.1	147.9	1.9	175	2.2	156.7	-6.0	240.9	-2.2	176.8	5.2	316.5	-0.6	101.8	7.0
Mar	1,806.3	0.1	130.2	1.4	364.4	1.3	134.1	-9.3	174.1	-0.5	154.8	-1.2	240.6	-0.1	178.9	1.2	324.9	2.7	104.1	2.3
Apr	1,826.3	1.1	133.4	2.5	363.8	-0.2	142.2	6.0	177.9	2.2	162.0	4.7	233.1	-3.1	184.8	3.3	322.7	-0.7	106.3	2.1
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr07	1,761.7		125.4		356.3		143.0		165.0		158.9		241.8		172.9		305.0		93.6	
Jan-Apr08	1,808.1		130.3		361.0		142.3		174.6		160.1		240.2		177.2		320.6		101.8	
% Change	2.6		3.9		1.3		-0.5		5.8		0.7		-0.7		2.5		5.1		8.8	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2006	207.9	1.8	371.0	2.5	152.3	2.3	131.8	1.4	175.0	2.8	74.8	3.6	563.2	3.8	349.6	4.0	73.7	8.4	96.1	4.0	2,195.5	4.8
2007	207.3	1.1	391.8	2.3	144.9	2.3	128.2	0.6	183.7	2.2	74.9	2.6	591.8	3.7	369.2	3.2	75.0	7.4	99.5	5.7	2,266.3	4.2
2007 Jan	213.9	1.4	366.8	2.3	156.4	3.2	132.8	1.8	182.2	2.0	72.0	3.4	561.1	4.8	362.2	2.8	72.3	11.5	93.7	5.8	2,213.4	4.8
Feb	218.5	1.4	371.9	2.4	151.9	1.8	137.4	0.5	184.8	1.6	77.2	1.9	571.2	3.6	346.8	3.5	69.4	13.4	92.1	6.5	2,221.2	4.4
Mar	209.4	0.8	388.7	1.5	142.7	2.5	133.0	0.4	197.5	0.8	66.1	0.0	586.6	3.3	356.0	3.9	65.7	10.1	100.2	5.2	2,245.8	3.9
Apr	204.4	1.9	399.1	2.2	137.0	2.4	132.6	0.0	189.3	1.5	77.9	2.1	561.6	4.5	352.9	3.9	67.5	13.2	103.7	4.0	2,225.9	4.6
May	202.5	1.1	394.3	3.0	143.0	3.1	124.8	0.6	189.7	1.7	72.7	3.5	592.4	3.3	374.4	3.5	77.4	6.3	103.4	6.3	2,274.6	4.4
Jun	199.8	0.9	391.9	2.3	137.4	1.6	132.4	0.2	189.8	1.8	70.3	1.8	614.5	3.7	374.9	3.1	81.3	4.9	102.6	7.7	2,294.9	4.1
Jul	191.1	0.5	394.5	2.4	150.8	3.0	131.6	0.5	159.0	4.3	72.6	1.6	616.2	3.9	379.5	3.7	79.6	4.3	112.7	5.6	2,287.6	4.4
Aug	213.2	1.0	387.3	2.9	144.3	2.2	127.7	0.8	160.6	7.2	69.5	5.1	619.6	3.9	379.3	3.0	81.9	2.2	107.9	3.9	2,291.3	4.5
Sep	204.5	1.1	400.3	2.5	139.6	1.7	117.4	0.9	183.9	1.8	75.5	4.3	595.5	3.6	375.7	2.5	79.9	3.7	100.2	4.6	2,272.4	4.0
Oct	208.3	1.2	393.9	2.5	139.6	1.0	119.2	0.6	185.3	1.2	82.5	3.8	597.2	3.5	378.1	2.5	83.6	4.8	96.1	4.8	2,283.9	4.0
Nov	213.1	0.5	402.4	2.0	145.5	2.1	126.1	0.6	189.4	2.4	82.1	1.6	594.9	3.7	381.3	2.7	70.9	7.7	92.2	7.0	2,297.8	3.9
Dec	209.5	0.6	410.1	1.8	150.4	2.7	123.3	0.9	193.2	1.4	80.8	1.7	590.8	2.9	369.6	4.0	70.0	8.1	89.6	6.3	2,287.3	3.8
2008 Jan	202.8	1.0	410.4	1.9	157.6	2.7	131.2	2.5	202.9	1.1	76.8	1.9	570.4	4.0	366.4	4.7	72.7	11.6	83.0	8.4	2,274.3	4.5
Feb	210.2	0.8	405.1	2.7	162.1	2.4	134.8	0.9	200.8	0.9	83.5	1.4	572.0	3.7	365.9	4.2	59.0	11.5	81.8	7.0	2,275.1	4.4
Mar	222.1	0.7	397.9	1.7	155.1	2.1	134.4	1.6	194.4	1.9	77.5	1.8	586.1	3.4	380.6	3.6	64.0	8.2	93.1	8.4	2,305.3	4.2
Apr	218.8	0.9	406.0	1.5	159.9	2.9	140.5	0.9	198.6	1.7	74.0	4.0	588.1	4.0	372.9	4.3	60.5	8.6	85.3	6.1	2,304.5	4.5
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr07	211.6	1.4	381.6	2.1	147.0	2.5	134.0	0.7	188.5	1.5	73.3	1.8	570.1	4.0	354.5	3.5	68.7	12.1	97.4	5.4	2,226.6	4.4
Jan-Apr08	213.5	0.8	404.9	1.9	158.7	2.5	135.2	1.5	199.2	1.4	78.0	2.3	579.2	3.8	371.5	4.2	64.1	10.0	85.8	7.5	2,289.8	4.4
% Change	0.9		6.1		7.9		1.0		5.7		6.3		1.6		4.8		-6.8		-11.9		2.8	

NOTES: 1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: Stats

Source: Statistics Canada

9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	Development Regions																					
	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson- Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
2006	2,195.5	4.8	1,187.1	4.4	175.2	3.7	82.3	4.5	369.5	4.9	1,342.7	4.4	253.7	5.1	69.5	6.2	82.9	6.1	43.1	6.7	34.0	NA
2007	2,266.3	4.2	1,222.7	4.0	182.9	3.3	84.8	4.3	378.3	4.3	1,392.2	4.0	256.7	4.4	77.1	5.5	83.8	5.1	41.5	8.0	36.7	NA
3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																						
2007 Jan	2,214.1	4.6	1,194.3	4.3	177.2	3.1	84.5	4.3	372.3	4.8	1,354.5	4.3	252.7	5.0	73.9	7.2	82.4	5.8	42.6	6.0	35.6	NA
Feb	2,218.1	4.6	1,202.5	4.1	175.1	2.9	83.5	4.7	369.6	5.3	1,363.1	4.2	251.7	5.0	74.1	6.8	81.8	5.3	41.7	7.1	36.0	NA
Mar	2,226.8	4.4	1,211.0	3.7	174.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	367.7	5.4	1,372.6	3.8	252.9	5.0	75.9	5.9	80.9	5.2	41.1	8.3	35.8	NA
Apr	2,231.0	4.3	1,211.4	3.7	176.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	368.4	5.3	1,375.1	3.8	254.8	4.5	76.5	5.7	79.7	5.2	40.4	8.6	36.1	NA
May	2,248.8	4.3	1,212.8	4.0	180.2	3.2	84.4	4.6	373.4	4.8	1,379.8	4.1	259.5	4.1	79.2	4.2	80.2	4.5	40.3	8.4	36.4	NA
Jun	2,265.1	4.4	1,216.1	4.4	184.9	3.1	85.6	4.3	380.3	3.9	1,385.9	4.4	260.1	4.3	79.4	4.6	80.8	4.6	41.1	7.6	37.4	NA
Jul	2,285.7	4.3	1,231.2	4.3	186.5	3.4	86.8	4.1	383.1	3.9	1,404.2	4.2	259.7	4.6	77.3	4.7	82.0	4.8	41.7	7.7	37.8	NA
Aug	2,291.3	4.3	1,235.3	4.2	185.7	4.1	86.5	4.4	383.6	4.0	1,409.2	4.2	257.0	4.7	78.6	5.8	83.0	5.7	42.4	7.4	37.5	NA
Sep	2,283.7	4.3	1,227.0	4.2	184.9	4.3	85.6	4.6	384.7	4.3	1,400.7	4.2	256.6	4.1	78.5	5.6	84.4	5.4	42.6	7.0	36.3	NA
Oct	2,282.5	4.2	1,218.7	4.2	186.7	3.7	84.4	4.5	386.5	3.9	1,390.9	4.2	260.4	3.7	79.5	5.8	86.6	4.7	42.3	7.3	36.3	NA
Nov	2,284.7	3.9	1,224.7	3.9	187.9	2.8	84.0	3.7	384.5	3.4	1,396.1	3.9	261.1	3.8	76.4	5.7	88.0	4.2	41.8	8.1	36.9	NA
Dec	2,289.7	3.9	1,236.9	3.7	187.5	2.6	85.1	3.4	380.6	3.4	1,409.7	3.6	257.2	4.2	74.5	5.9	89.2	5.0	41.2	9.1	37.2	NA
2008 Jan	2,286.5	4.1	1,245.2	3.7	186.2	3.0	84.9	3.6	375.8	4.5	1,417.7	3.6	253.9	4.8	73.1	4.8	88.0	5.2	41.5	8.2	36.5	NA
Feb	2,278.9	4.2	1,239.5	3.7	185.0	3.3	83.8	4.9	378.0	5.0	1,411.1	3.7	253.6	5.3	71.8	4.4	86.5	5.8	42.1	7.3	35.8	NA
Mar	2,284.9	4.4	1,240.4	3.8	186.8	3.2	84.4	5.6	380.4	5.2	1,412.7	3.7	257.6	5.9	71.2	3.4	84.0	6.8	43.3	7.1	35.6	NA
Apr	2,295.0	4.4	1,238.6	3.9	190.0	2.8	85.8	5.4	386.9	4.6	1,412.8	3.9	260.7	5.6	71.6	2.5	82.9	7.7	44.3	7.9	35.8	4.3
May																						
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Dec																						
Average:	year-to-date averages are based on monthly actual data																					
Jan-Apr07	2,226.6	4.4	1,207.6	3.9	175.4	3.2	83.1	4.8	368.5	5.3	1,370.7	4.0	253.3	4.7	76.9	5.9	80.4	5.4	40.8	8.1	36.0	NA
Jan-Apr08	2,289.8	4.4	1,239.6	3.9	188.7	3.0	85.3	5.3	382.7	5.0	1,413.3	3.9	259.2	5.5	71.8	2.1	83.6	7.0	43.6	7.6	35.7	NA
% Change	2.8		2.6		7.6		2.6		3.8		3.1		2.3		-6.7		4.0		6.9		-0.8	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Data Services at (250)387-0327 or write to BC.Stats@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate (employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC Stats on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations

